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SUBJ: RETURN OF U.S. FIRMS

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1. DECEMBER 7 EL MERCURIO AND LAS ULTIMAS NOTICIAS REPORT THAT 115 FIRMS INTERVENED BY THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT WILL BE RETURNED TO THEIR OWNERS. AMONG THEM ARE 12 WITH FOREIGN INTERESTS. U.S. INTERESTS CITED ARE: COBRE CERRILLOS, PIZARRENO, CROWN CORK, ELECTROMAT, AND THE U.S. FILM DISTRIBUTORS: COLUMBIA PICTURES, MGM, UNITED ARTISTS, TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX, AND CINEMA INTERNATIONAL CORP. (ERGER OF PARAMOUNT AND UNIVERSAL). FIRST THREE AND MGM HAVE ALREADY BEEN RETURNED (REFTELS), ALTHOUGH ELECTROMAT AND OTHER FILM DISTRIBUTORS APPEAR ON "RETURN" LIST FOR FIRST TIME.

2. EL MERCURIO HEADLINES "RETURN OF FILM COMPANIES" WITH SUB-HEADLINE "THE GODFATHER TO BE SHOWN IN JANUARY" ARTICLE IMPLIES FIRMS HAVE BEEN RETURNED, ALTHOUGH CHECK WITH WIFRED DOWDING, WARNER BROS. REP AND ASSISTANT TO UNDURRAGA OF TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX AND MPEA, PROVES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHERWISE. DOWDING REPORTS THAT DECREE IS IN CONTROLLER'S

OFFICE AND WON'T BE OFFICIAL UNTIL SIGNED AND PUBLISHED IN
DIARIO OFICIAL. ONCE THAT IS DONE, THEY WILL BEGIN PROCESS
OF CLEARING THROUGH CUSTOMS 14 FILMS THAT HAVE BEEN IN CHILE
FOR TWO MONTHS. MERCURIO ALSO REPORTS THAT "24 HOURS OF
LE MANS" WITH STEVE MCQUEEN WILL OPEN ON JANUARY 1ST AND
"THE GODFATHER" ON JANUARY 15. DOWDING FEELS THAT TIME MAY
BE TOO SHORT TO MEET THESE DEADLINES AND THAT BOTH FILMS COULD
BE DELAYED BY COUPLE OF WEEKS.

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